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1. HERewith FULL TEXT CARL ROWAN OP-ED PAGE COLUMN THE  
WASHINGTON STAR WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15 HEADED "LEADERS OUGHT  
TO LEVEL WITH PEOPLE ON AFRICA."

2. THERE IS AN OLD SAYING, FOR WHICH INDOCHINA MAY BE SAD  
PROOF, THAT NO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY CAN SUCCEED WITHOUT THE  
SUPPORT OF THE MASS OF THE PEOPLE.

3. THERE IS A COROLLARY SAYING THAT ONLY WHEN THEY ARE IN-  
FORMED CAN THE PEOPLE OF A DEMOCRACY GIVE INTELLIGENT  
SUPPORT TO ANY POLICY.

4. THESE TWO "OLD SAYINGS" BEDEVIL SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY  
KISSINGER AS HE TAKES HIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY TO SOUTHERN  
AFRICA IN WHAT MAY BE A "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" TO PREVENT A  
DEVASTATING RACE WAR.

5. KISSINGER HAS TAKEN ON THIS MISSION WITH NO CERTAINTY

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THAT HE HAS OR CAN EVER OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE MASS OF

AMERICAN CITIZENS. MOST OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WHICH HE SERVES SUSPECTS THAT HE IS TRYING TO COMMIT SOME RACIAL AND

IDEOLOGICAL HERESY--THAT HE IS IN AFRICA TRYING TO DO IN MEMBERS OF THE WHITE RACES WHO ARE THE "OUTPOSTS OF CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION" IN AFRICA. AT THE SAME TIME, DEMOCRATS SUSPECT KISSINGER IS THROWING OUT LINES IN TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA, HOPING TO HOOK SOME BLACK VOTES FOR JERRY FORD IN CHICAGO AND CLEVELAND.

6. BLACKS ON THE OTHER HAND SUSPECT THAT HE IS TRYING TO BAIL OUT WHITE OPPRESSORS WHO ARE SOON DOOMED TO BE SHOT, AND THAT IF HE CAN'T SAVE THE WHITES AT LEAST HE CAN ENSURE THAT THE BLACKS WHO TAKE OVER IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND EVENTUALLY SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE PATSY FRIENDS OF THE U.S. AND NOT VIOLENTLY RADICAL ALLIES OF THE SOVIET UNION. MEANWHILE, MUCH OF THE CONGRESS FIGURES KISSINGER IS SIMPLY OFF ON ANOTHER EGO TRIP, PROMISING MONEY CONGRESS WON'T APPROPRIATE, FORGING DEALS AND ALLIANCES THAT COMMIT AMERICANS TO THINGS THEY WILL NEVER DO.

7. THESE SUSPICIONS IN THE U.S. AS MUCH AS THE RACIAL PASSIONS IN AFRICA MAKE THE ODDS PERHAPS 10 TO 1 THAT KISSINGER WILL NOT SUCCEED IN THIS DIPLOMATIC VENTURE.

8. THE TRAGEDY IS THAT THOSE HARBORING THESE SUSPICIONS HERE AND IN AFRICA ARE NEVER TOLD THE WHOLE TRUTH.

9. HERE ARE SOME COMPELLING REASONS WHY KISSINGER SUDDENLY HAS GIVEN CRASH PRIORITY TO PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, REASONS THAT NONE OF THE LEADERS INVOLVED FEELS FREE TO TELL HIS PEOPLE:

1. U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICAN INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES AGREE THAT IAN SMITH'S WHITE MINORITY REGIME CAN SURVIVE NO MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN RHODESIA BEFORE COMMUNIST-SUPPORTED BLACK GUERRILLAS WILL OVERWHELM IT.

2. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS LAST WEEK SHOWED NEW BLACK GUERRILLA CAMPS ALONG THE BORDER OF NAMIBIA, THE SOUTHWEST UNCLASSIFIED

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AFRICAN TERRITORY TO WHICH SOUTH AFRICA CLINGS IN DEFIANCE OF WORLD OPINION. U.S. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ALSO SHOWED THAT CUBAN TROOPS, WHICH HAD REMAINED A DISCREET 200 KILOMETERS FROM THE NAMIBIAN BORDER FOR WEEKS, SUDDENLY MOVED RIGHT UP TO THE BORDER--PRESUMABLY TO PROTECT THE GUERRILLA BASES FROM ATTACK BY SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES.

3. U.S. ESTIMATES ARE THAT EVEN SOUTH AFRICA, WITH ITS

POWERFUL MILITARY FORCE, NO LONGER HAS DECADES IN WHICH TO STALL, PONDERING WHETHER EVEN TO THROW CRUMBS OF POLITICAL RIGHTS TO ITS NON-WHITES.

4. AFRICAN LEADERS LIKE JULIUS NYERERE OF TANZANIA, KENNETH KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA AND EVEN SAMORA MACHEL OF MOZAMBIQUE HAVE SECRETLY ENCOURAGED KISSINGER'S INTERVENTION. ONE AFRICAN PRESIDENT WROTE KISSINGER EVERY DAY LAST WEEK, URGING HIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY. THESE AFRICAN LEADERS FEAR THAT IF A RACE WAR DOES BREAK OUT, THE "WILD BOYS WITH THE GUNS" SUPPLIED BY THE COMMUNIST BLOC WILL WIND UP CONTROLLING THE SUB-CONTINENT.

5. IN RECENT DAYS THE SOVIET UNION HAS BECOME FRENETICALLY ACTIVE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, ESPECIALLY IN ITS EFFORTS TO KEEP THE VARIOUS AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS IN AND AROUND RHODESIA IN DISARRAY AND CONFLICT. THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN SO HAM-HANDED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO KEEP THE POT BOILING THAT THEY HAVE UNINTENTIONALLY UNITED THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS IN THEIR ZEAL TO FIND A NON-WAR SOLUTION IF POSSIBLE.

6. SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER MAKES BOLD PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT HOW HE WILL NOT BE PRESSURED BY KISSINGER, AND HOW HE WILL NOT PRESSURE IAN SMITH, EVEN AS HE PREPARES TO TURN THE SCREWS ON SMITH AND ENTER DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH BLACK LIBERATIONISTS IN SWAPO (THE SOUTH-WEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION) FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA.

10. IF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE CONGRESS KNEW AND UNDERSTOOD ALL THIS AND MUCH MORE THAT GOES UNSAID, KISSINGER'S MISSION MIGHT HAVE THE SUPPORT IT DESERVES.

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11. UNHAPPILY, THIS KIND OF LIFE-AND-DEATH DIPLOMACY NEVER SEEMS TO LEND ITSELF TO OPEN COVENANTS, OPENLY ARRIVED AT. SO THE PEOPLE ARE LEFT IN THE DARK--OFTEN UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE. (END TEXT.) ROBINSON

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